



JURY WEIGHING SENTENCES: The jury that convicted Charles Manson and three devoted women followers in the Sharon Tate murders will meet

Thursday to consider their penalty. Shown with Manson are, left to right, Susan Atkins, Patricia Krenwinkel and Leslie VanHouten. (AP Wirephoto)

## Manson, Three Women Guilty

# State To Ask Death Penalty For Convicted Tate Killers

By LINDA DEUTSCH  
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The jury that convicted Charles Manson and three devoted women followers in the bizarre Sharon Tate murders meets Thursday to consider the penalty: death or life imprisonment.

The state said it would demand death in the gas chamber. The penalty trial, required by California law, will bring new testimony and the chance to recall witnesses heard during the trial's seven months.

The chief prosecutor Asst. Dist. Atty. Vincent Bugliosi said he had 50 witnesses ready, but that the penalty trial could be short, indicating he would not call them all.

The defense, which called no witnesses during the trial said it would put on a case as long as or longer than the state's, seeking to persuade the jurors to decree life imprisonment. Expected witnesses include family and friends of the defendants who will testify to their character.

Chief defense attorney Paul Fitzgerald said he would try to show that there was still doubt as to the defendants' guilt despite Monday's verdicts.

"A verdict of first-degree murder means the jury has determined guilt beyond a reasonable doubt," said Fitzgerald, "but not beyond any doubt at all."

The verdicts, he said, were expected, and the defendants were somewhat resigned, which explained their decorous behavior Monday, contrasting sharply with emotional outbursts earlier in the trial.

Manson, 36, shaggy-haired chief of a wandering hippie-type tribe, still managed to get in a punchline after all verdicts.

## Marshal Is Now Police Chief At Dodge City

DODGE CITY, Kan. (AP) — There must have been a stirring in the long shadows of history among the dim shapes of Bat Masterson, the Earp Brothers, the rustlers and the gamblers. Dodge City's marshal finally was put down.

By vote of the City Commission Monday, the law enforcement duties were turned over to a man with the prosaic title of police chief.

They kept the old title though. An honorary marshal will maintain "the historic character and heritage of the city," the resolution says.

were read.  
ACCUSES JUDGE

"I think they'll all guilty," he said of the jurors, then shouted at Judge Charles H. Older, "We're still not allowed to put on a defense! You won't outlive that, old man!" Counsel for the accused declined to let the women take the stand for fear they would incriminate themselves trying to clear Manson.

As the jury prepared to deliver its verdict after 42 hours and 40 minutes of deliberation

spread over more than eight days, the three women, Susan Atkins, 22, Leslie Van Houten, 21, and Patricia Krenwinkel, 23, shuffled into court smiling and chatting among themselves.

Pale and thin, they wore drab jail uniforms and ribbons in their long hair. They sat whispering through the reading of the verdicts, and, as the jury was led out, a prosecutor heard Miss Van Houten say, "Look how sad they all look."

The defendants were charged

with 27 counts of murder-conspiracy in the August 1969 slaying of the blonde, pregnant actress and four visitors to her hilltop mansion, and in the killings a night later of a wealthy market owner and his wife.

The state said Manson ordered the killings in hopes of triggering a race war he felt was predicted in a Beatles song, and that after the war Manson expected to take control of the world.

OBEYED ORDERS

The women obeyed Manson's every command in robot-like fashion, including his orders to kill, the state contended.

A parade of often colorful witnesses told of the women's part in the murder mission, how Miss Atkins stabbed Miss Tate, then tasted her blood; how Miss Krenwinkel stabbed through victims' bones and later declared that her hand hurt; how Miss Van Houten told of stabbing a victim already dead and finding that it was "fun."

Miss Van Houten, a tall, pretty brunette, was charged with conspiracy in all the killings but with murdering only market owners Leno and Rosemary LaBianca. Her attorney, Maxwell Keith, argued that she didn't know of the murder plan, couldn't have premeditated the killings and should be acquitted.

"The defendants are all terribly disappointed about Leslie," said Fitzgerald. "They felt there was hope for her."

Of his client, Keith said, "She reacted a lot better than I did. She's got a lot of guts. She didn't turn a hair. She seemed more solicitous of me."

As Manson and the women were led quickly from the courtroom, Fitzgerald leaned over and kissed his client, Miss Krenwinkel, on the cheek.

"We lost the case when we lost our change of venue," he later told newsmen. "We thought we had as much chance to win this case in Los Angeles as Sam Sheppard had of winning in Cleveland." He referred to a Cleveland osteopath convicted in 1954 of killing his wife. The Supreme Court overturned the case because of pretrial publicity. Sheppard, acquitted in a second trial in 1968, died last April.

Fitzgerald said he would argue at the penalty trial that pretrial publicity hurt the Tate defendants. Manson's attorney, Irving Kanarek, said sensational publicity was bred by the district attorney's office which

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# Winds, Snow Rip Area; More Due!

## Pay Hikes Approved At LMC

### Administrative Salaries Set By Trustees

By JERRY KRIEGER  
County-Farm Editor

Trustees of Lake Michigan college Monday night granted a \$2,500 pay boost to the president of the institution, and gave raises to 14 other administrators that averaged slightly over \$2,000.

They also extended the contract of the president, Dr. James Lehman through the 1971-72 year.

Initial plans were set in motion last night for a giant celebration next fall that will serve simultaneously to mark the dedication of the new campus and the school's 25th anniversary.

Another major action of the board at the January meeting was approval to start on working drawings for the third phase of the campus building program. Harry Weese & Associates of Chicago were retained as architects for Phase III. President Lehman said the earliest construction could be launched would be July and the latest acceptable time would be November. Cost is estimated at \$2.3 million.

At the same time, the governing board was told construction of Phase II is nearing the 95 percent completion mark. In fact, an administrative bridge that will house new administration offices is ready for occupancy now and likely will be occupied within a matter of weeks.

The salary of president was raised from \$27,000 to \$29,500, and a free \$42,000 term life insurance policy was increased to \$100,000. Other fringe benefits remained unchanged.

Fourteen administrators, ranging from vice presidents to community services specialists, were named to share in a total increase of \$28,350.

### SALARIES LISTED

The new salaries, effective back to July 1, for the individual administrators are, with previous level in parentheses:

Dr. Walter Browe, executive vice president, \$23,000 (\$21,000); Harry Korsch, vice president for instructions, \$22,500 (\$20,500); William Miemi, vice president for business affairs, \$21,000 (\$19,000); Dr. Jerry Soloway, vice president for community services, \$21,000 (\$19,000); Dr. Michael Stone, vice president for student services, \$20,000 (\$17,000); Ralph Stutzman, dean of arts and sciences, \$18,500 (\$15,750); Ben Stauden, assistant dean of technologies, \$17,600 (\$16,000); Thomas McCourt, registrar, \$17,000 (\$15,500); Rentzell Cleveland, financial aids officer, \$13,000 (\$10,000); Robert

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SHORT SKIRT: Mrs. Phillip R. Kehrer measures one of the skirts that cost her a \$77-a-week job as sheriff's clerk in Indianapolis, Ind. Sheriff Lee R. Eads ordered that skirts not be more than one inch above the kneecap, saying "sex crimes have increased since skirts were shortened. I can't criticize the public if our own girls walk around exposed." (AP Wirephoto)

## MATTER OF INCHES

# Sheriff Fires 'Exposed' Girl

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — "Sex crimes have increased since skirts were shortened," says Sheriff Lee R. Eads, explaining why he fired a 22-year-old clerk whose miniskirt was short of the sheriff's code on dress.

"I can't criticize the public if our own girls walk around exposed," Eads said Monday after the dismissal of Carol Kehrer, a \$77-a-week clerk in the sheriff's department civil office.

Eads issued an order last month that the minimum length for a skirt be one inch above the center of the kneecap. Mrs. Kehrer's skirts are four inches higher than the minimum.

"I tried to lower my skirts after the order came out, but there just wasn't enough hem to let out," Mrs. Kehrer said. "And I didn't have enough money to buy new clothes."

She added she was helping with the family finances as her husband, Phillip, completes his education at Ball State University.

Mrs. Kehrer's immediate superior, Maj. James H. Hardin, said her work had been satisfactory.

Calling the new miniskirt ugly, Hardin said, "We don't encourage it. I think girls should look like girls."

Hardin said women employees aren't permitted to wear pantsuits to work.

## Schools Shut Down; Roads Slick

### It's Fourth Anniversary Of 'Big One'

Blinding snow-whipped by gale force winds—raised havoc with area motorists this morning and forced the closing of nearly all schools in the southwestern Michigan area.

It was, would you believe, the fourth anniversary of the Great Snow of 1967.

Today's forecast calls for continued snow squalls, accompanied by strong winds. Three to four inches of snow is expected today with heavier amounts near Lake Michigan.

Temperatures are expected to drop throughout the day and hover around the zero mark tonight. Wednesday's forecast calls for additional snow flurries and continued cold temperatures.

It was four years ago today, that Michigan was hit with over 20 inches of wet snow, tying up the entire state.

Paw Paw state police reported that I-94 from Benton Harbor to Kalamazoo was in bad condition. Certain areas of the highway from Hartford to Paw Paw were shut down, due to jackknifed trucks, zero visibility and numerous accidents. An oil tanker spillage was reported on I-94 south of St. Joseph. South Haven state police reported similar conditions existed along I-196 from Benton Harbor to Holland.

### POLICE LINES HUM

Police lines were ringing constantly throughout the morning hours as traffic accident reports piled up. There were numerous minor personal injury accidents reported. Zero visibility was reported in all parts of the state.

Niles was hit with about four inches of snow causing huge tie ups at many intersections in the city.

Ross Field, Benton Harbor, reported wind velocity ranging from 50 to 70 miles per hour this morning. The airport was still open this morning, however, St. Joseph Coast Guard station reported wind gusts ranging from 39 to 45 m.p.h. this morning.

Allegan sheriff's department ordered M-40 closed from Hamilton to Holland. All schools in Allegan county were also closed. M-40 in the Niles area was also pretty well tied up.

### CRASH IN CASE

Traffic in the south bound lane of Interstate 196 between Pullman road and Northshore drive, Casco township, was blocked about three hours because of a series of accidents involving at least two trucks and four cars.

State police said Norman Price, 52, Pullman, was taken to South Haven Community hospital for treatment of injuries suffered in the first of the chain reaction crashes.

The wind gusts also blew in numerous windows and knocked down several trees in the area. Many motorists abandoned their cars along roadsides, according to officials of the Berrien County Road Commission.

Indiana and Michigan Electric (See back page, sec. 1, col. 1)

## He Found Out It Was Bad Storm

HARTFORD — Superintendent Gary Waterkamp personally toured the district early today to determine if weather conditions warranted closing the schools.

He called in at 8 a.m. to inform his office that his car was stuck fast in a drift on a county road.

Schools stayed closed all day. Marie Medo & Marlene Ferraro, now at Continental Salon 663-6526.

½ Price Sale-Red Balloon, Adv.

# BH Boycotters Face Truancy Charge

Benton Harbor Supt. Mark E. Lewis said today administrators will be directed to start truancy charges against parents who are keeping children out of school in observance of a boycott.

"It is our responsibility under law to take action when children are being kept out of school without acceptable excuses," he explained.

Processing the absentees is a mammoth job and will be conducted in alphabetical order, Lewis explained. "These cases could clog the courts but our responsibility is clear."

Various black spokesmen called for a boycott after a riot at the high school Jan. 15.

Among reasons cited were retaliation of suspended students, dropping charges against those arrested and implementing demands presented to the board of education last month.

Other black leaders have been just as strong in urging parents to keep their children in school. Attendance dropped yesterday

to 56 per cent at senior high and 49 per cent at Benton Harbor junior high. Absenteeism was reported above normal at Fairplain junior high and some elementary schools, but it was a much lesser extent. Schools were closed today by a blizzard.

The truancy statute covers children through the compulsory

attendance age of 15. Violation is a misdemeanor. Students 16 and over are covered in the school district discipline code which provides that a student can be dropped from school for three unexcused absences during a semester.

Lewis said the school is the judge of what is an acceptable

excuse.

Meanwhile, the Benton Harbor board of education was scheduled to attend tonight's meeting of the State Board of Education in Lansing. Lewis said he was told by State Supt. John Porter that the state board will take up Benton Harbor's query wanting to know if the

state has a policy on transfers of property.

Lewis said the local board will not be permitted to address the State board during the regular meeting. "We are going anyway to hear what they have to say. Our board feels strongly

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# THE HERALD-PRESS

## Editorial Page

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## Food Faddism Is A Vigorous Perennial

It is an ageless belief that certain foods are particularly beneficial for health, longevity or sexual power.

The ancient Egyptians looked upon garlic as a strength giving vegetable beyond compare. They fed it regularly to the slaves assigned to build the pyramids.

The Greeks detested stuff. They compelled criminals to down it as a purification measure.

The tomato, one of the few dietary staples indigenous to the New World, was first introduced into Europe as an aphrodisiac. Well into the 19th century, most people called it the love apple.

Because rabbits are nocturnal foragers and find a vegetable patch particularly inviting, years ago somebody spread the theory that carrots are good for the eyes.

An apple a day keeps the doctor away is an old admonition which probably traces to Johnny Appleseed's itinerant plantings in the 1830s.

The modern nutritionist urges a balanced diet of meat, vegetables, milk, fruit and cereals for reasons of weight control, coordinated bond and tissue maintenance, and harmonious interaction between the body's organs. He adds one qualification for weight watchers. Skip the second helping and cut down on the first.

All the nutritionist is trying to say that swallowing a particular food and eschewing others is not the road to health, happiness and prosperity.

A report last week from The Wall Street Journal indicates that food mythology is a hardy vine in its own right and will crop out in whatever form seems propitious to the times.

Health foods from organically grown sources — animally fertilized soil and untended by pesticides — are raking in the coin these days.

The Journal says there are 300 outfits, nearly half of them in the Los Angeles area, specializing on the fears of people frightened by dramatic but not fully researched reports on pesticides,

additives, preservatives and substitutes such as the cyclamates.

They are packaging a long list of exotic vegetarian foods, walnut oil, Jerusalem artichokes, soybean paste, rose hip jam, millet flakes, muscatel grape juice, safflower shortening, to mention a few.

One vegetarian restaurateur pitches his concoctions as the way to world peace. He contends man was a vegetarian until the Ice Age receded and then learned to hunt. A meat diet, he argues, stirs an aggressive attitude.

A food merchant claims a large customer list of drug addicts trying to kick the habit. The organic foods, he declares, give a person a new insight into the order of the universe.

Ascetic dinner parties are another approach expounded by a Japanese philosopher now dead. George Ohsawa taught there are two antagonistic forces in nature, yin (expansion) and yang (contraction). Ohsawa lectured that diet alone could balance out those opposing forces, thereby gaining longer life for the eater.

These are some examples of sharp minds playing upon eccentricities to earn a buck.

Their only redemption is being less harmful than the outright quack whose stock in trade is his customer's fear.

Not too many years ago the California authorities finally nailed a noted con man, the late Adolphus Hohenzee, for peddling cabbage juice as an ulcer cure. Prior to then he was dispensing a type of honey as a cure for arthritis, cancer and cataracts.

Nutritionists and the police buncos squads guess that food quackery, as practiced by Hohenzee type vendors, takes from \$500 million to \$1 billion annually from gullible purchasers.

The organic merchandiser, though not projecting outright deception, is catering his wares for a fancy price and with less taste appeal than the regular store can furnish.

The housewife pushing a cart through the supermarket does much better by her family.

## Banker Turned Diplomat

George Rowland Stanley Baring, the third Earl of Cromer, former Governor of the Bank of England, managing director of Baring Brothers as well as Chairman of I.B.M. in the United Kingdom, has all the earmarks of nobility and wealth which captivate the Washington merry-go-round. The question is whether they will also impress President Nixon, when Cromer assumes his post as Her Majesty's Ambassador to the United States early in February.

The style of President Nixon tends "to exclude such liaisons as existed between President Kennedy and David Ormsby-Gore, now Lord Harlech," comments the London Times. Indeed, there is some doubt whether Lord Cromer would want to cultivate such intimate ties.

Above all Cromer, 52, is a merchant banker. During his five years as Governor of the Bank of England, he made his reputation as the man who saved the pound. When sterling came under great pressure in November 1964, he simply picked up the telephone during the course of what he called "one rather hair-raising afternoon" and obtained pledges for \$3 billion in support.

Even among aristocrats, Cro-

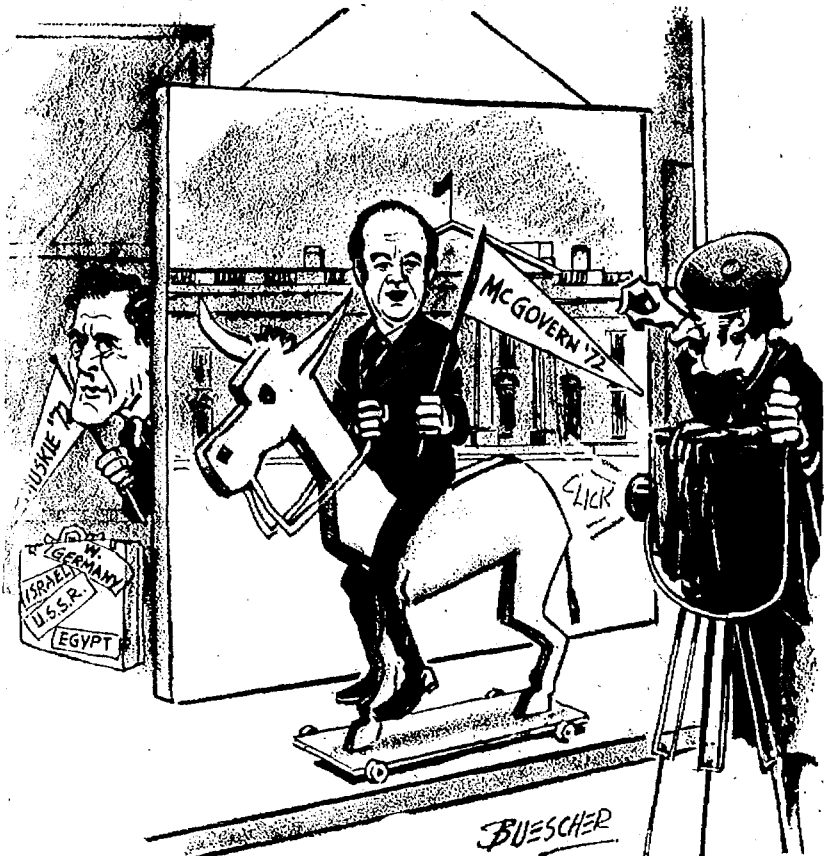
mer presents a rather astounding portrait. His mother noted at her child's christening that "as the cross was made on his brow, he raised higher and higher a little upstretched hand." His godfather was King George V, and Cromer served as a page of honor at the coronation of King George VI in 1937, handing princesses Elizabeth and Margaret their coronets.

Lord Cromer is not the first of his family to be sent to America on a diplomatic mission. Alexander Baring, his great-grand-uncle, went to Washington in 1842 to negotiate the boundary between the United States and Canada. George Baring himself served from 1959 to 1961 as an economic minister in Washington. He and his stylish wife, Esme, have journeyed to the United States 50 times since the end of World War II.

Although the appointment of a merchant banker caused some distress in the diplomatic service, what counts is his access to the Prime Minister. Cromer and Edward Heath have known each other for 15 years. The importance of this was pointed out in an open letter to Lord Cromer in the Sunday Times from the former Chief of Protocol to the White House, Angier Biddle Duke. He recalled that Winston Churchill once wrote his Ambassador in Washington that, "The business we now have with the United States can only be handled by one who knows the whole policy of the government and is in constant direct relation with us."

In a period when Britain's economic position may again be placed under considerable strain, Baring's membership in the banking community is bound to stand him in good stead. If necessary, he might even use his privileged private account with the Bank of England. This is a most dangerous account to have, as Lord Cromer is the first to admit, because it is impossible to overdraw on it.

## Next?



## GLANCING BACKWARDS

### DOWAGIAC'S MAIN STREET IS THREATENED

The fate of Main street, Dowagiac, with its popular tree-lined mall, may hinge on the historical value of properties and picturesque old homes that front the street.

Viewpoints on this issue are to be aired next month at a public hearing, conducted by the State Highway department which plans to widen Main street at an estimated cost of about \$330,000.

### EDITOR'S MAILBAG

Editor,  
The Herald-Press:

#### SOME SPORTSMAN

During a TV news cast of January 18, on Channel 5, Jorie Lueloff commented on the shooting of a bald eagle. In her words I repeat the following:

"The eagle was found struggling. The injured wing was amputated and it can never fly again. Neither can it mate for eagles only mate while in flight and the mating is life long by the same mate." She concluded, "somewhere there is a man with a gun who can brag that he bagged a bald eagle, one of the rarest birds in the world."

In my humble opinion there is no person on earth who can sink lower than to willfully destroy life, birds or animals just for the love of killing and calling it a sport.

Since the beginning of time man has murdered his fellows by reason of one or more of six motives, namely, greed, lust, hatred, revenge, jealousy and the concealment of other crimes. He is a natural born predator, the supreme and only enemy of all living creatures in the field and forest, the skies and the seas of every continent and nation therein.

Protection of wild life has of recent date become a priority in many lands, including our own. The true sportsman will kill only when it involves self protection or in quest of food or raiment and even then both food and clothing do not depend upon the gun, arrow and trap of man unless he must survive in the wilds of the frozen arctic and antarctic.

The perpetuity or total extinction of all present forms of wildlife now depends solely upon worldwide legislation. Man must readily submit to laws to protect the beasts of the field and fowl of the air, wildlife in general, i.e. that species whose rarity is now beyond dispute or question. The mere killing of animals, wild or domestic as a sport or expression of prowess will eventually lead up to a drastic reduction of the manufacture, sale, use and possession of firearms and arrows.

The cruellest instrument of all hunting and trapping devices is the steel spring trap. This hellish contraption should have been outlawed many years ago. It is a testimony of man's disregard of all compassion and immunity from the consideration for the pain and suffering of the creatures whose every right is a chance to live as nature intended.

It is not too much to hope that the man with the gun who brought down the bald eagle will meet the same fate at the hands of another whose motto should be, and is, "Slaughter Unlimited."

WILLIAM A. RODGERS,  
Bridgman

### SEEKS ARMY HOSE ORDER

Cooper Wells and Company, of St. Joseph, submitted a bid for an army supply contract of 75,000 pairs of light woolen socks at the Philadelphia quartermasters depot Saturday.

The army officials opened bids on 5,000,000 pairs of socks for complete delivery in 150 days F.O.B. cars at place of manufacture. The bid of the St. Joseph firm was 25.25 cents per pair for domestic wool, or 24.5 cents per pair for foreign wool.

### BIG CATCH

John Hass, well known Three Oaks trucker, is envied by fishermen all over south Ber-

rien county this morning for having caught a 19 pound pickerel yesterday that measures 41 inches in length from a small lake near Gallien.

### HOSTESS

Mrs. Roy Clark was hostess to a company of county health nurses at dinner last evening.

### NEW TRACKS

The street railway company is laying new tracks to the east approach to the new viaduct on Wayne street.

### INVENTION

Mary M. Everhard of St. Joseph has been granted a patent on a kneading board.

## HENRY CATHCART

## Inside Washington

WASHINGTON — Midst cries of protest here over the plight of imprisoned Soviet Jews, the cases of youthful American citizens jailed behind the Iron Curtain are going relatively unnoticed.

Examples are numerous, but probably none is more outrageous than the case of Mark Huessy, a 21-year-old student from Jerico, Vt., who last September was sentenced to seven years in prison in Communist East Germany.

His crime? Huessy was convicted of "criticizing" the East German government and "trying to convince other persons of his viewpoint." How did he criticize the government? According to Communist officials, Huessy told an East German citizen that "if the Soviet Union withdrew from East Germany, the East German government would collapse."

The son of a University of Vermont professor of psychiatry, Huessy went to East Germany to research a paper on Communist Playright Bertolt Brecht.

Huessy's father says his son was "positively impressed" with aspects of East German life, but he held a steadfast belief that the American system of government is better. He once wrote his parents: "How can I explain

to these people that even though I agree with all their criticism of the American system, the Vietnam war and racism, that there is still something about America which gives it more potential than any system I know?"

Those words hardly represent rightwing thought or anti-Communist bitterness.

In January 1970, only days before he was scheduled to return home, Huessy was arrested. For eight months he was held behind bars before being charged officially with espionage, trying to help East Germans escape and criticism of the state. He was acquitted of the first two more serious charges, but received the amazing sentence of seven years for the third.

There are reports that East German government now regards the severity of the sentence a mistake. There probably will be an appeal and the best East German sources expect that his sentence will be reduced to four years.

Huessy's father has reached the end of his patience with the State Department's handling of the case. "We were told to keep quiet by the State Department," the elder Huessy said, "but this has not paid off."

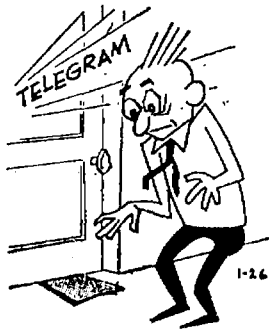
## BENNET CERF

## Try And Stop Me

"Let me illustrate what campus unrest has come to today," declared a worried conservative to a group of fellow merchants. "Last year, when my son was a freshman, he'd write home occasionally to plead for bigger allowance. This year he sends me threatening telegrams!"

At a disastrous out-of-town try-out for a real "turkey" named "Hollywood Be Thy Name," Variety scribe Herb Morrison suffered the tortures of the damned, but gamely stuck it out to the finish. The climax came when one character was supposed to shoot another. Four times he tried, but the gun never went off, giving what was left of the audience its first laugh of the evening. Finally the mortified state manager rang down the curtain.

Immediately thereafter there was a sharp gun report from backstage. Critic Morrison observed with some satisfaction, "Well, at least he got the



author!

### OVERHEARD:

In a book shop: "He's a big gun in publishing; been fired six times in the past two years."

At Toots Shor's: "When I was a kid, we were so poor we thought knives and forks were jewelry."

## DR. COLEMAN

## ..And Speaking Of Your Health

I've never seen it to fail. Whenever my husband leaves the house angry, I can bet that he will have an accident on his way to work or at the factory. He insists that it's just coincidence.

Mrs. A. K. Va.  
Dear Mrs. K.: You have astutely described an important phase of psychosomatic medicine.

It is undeniable that emotional stress and tension play an important role in accidents. This accounts for the well-known phrase, "an accident-prone person."

Your observation has been made by trained psychologists who have studied the frequency of accidents from the points of view of emotional upsets.

There is a direct relationship between the two. Some employers are so aware of this fact that they actually suggest that the worker stay away from the job when he is under severe tension. Danger to himself and to his co-workers can thus be eliminated.

Coincidence may play a slight factor, but not a significant one in the situation you describe.

Are there any new ways of treating hemorrhoids besides surgery?

Mrs. E. B. Ohio

Dear Mrs. B.: Within the framework of your question lies the implication that surgery has been suggested in your case and that you are seeking ways to avoid it.

For this I hardly blame you, because the prospect of any

surgery is not a pleasant one. In many instances, however, surgery for hemorrhoids, if suggested by your doctor, may be the quickest and most painless way of curing this condition.

There are two types of hemorrhoids: the external and the internal. Both types vary in size and in severity of discomfort.

In some instances, the application of gentle, soothing ointments may bring relief. In other cases, injection of special drugs may reduce the size of the hemorrhoids and keep the condition under control.

Regulation of diet and warm baths are also beneficial.

When hemorrhoids become very large and bleed, surgery may be the only effective way to completely eradicate the condition. Surgery is recommended only after careful deliberation by one's doctor.

The reason why hundreds of mail-order "miracle" drugs are sold to a gullible public is that they temptingly offer the "no surgery" cure. To fall into this trap of exploitation delays relatively simple surgery, and thus invites unnecessary complications.

**SPEAKING OF YOUR HEALTH:** The application of hot wet dressings is a safer way to bring pimples to a head than by squeezing them.

Dr. Lester Coleman has prepared a special booklet for readers of the column entitled, "Pay Attention to Your Heart." For your copy, send 25 cents in coin and a large self-addressed 6-cent stamped envelope to Lester L. Coleman, M.D., P.O. Box 5170, Grand Central Station, New York, N. Y. 10017. Please mention the booklet by title.

## JAY BECKER

## Contract Bridge

West dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♦ A 5  
♥ J 10 6 3  
♦ J 9 4 2  
♣ 7 5 3

**WEST**  
♦ 7 6  
♥ K 8 7 4 2  
♦ Q 8 5  
♣ J 4

**EAST**  
♦ 8 3  
♥ Q 9 5  
♦ K 10 6 3  
♣ A 10 6 2

**SOUTH**  
♦ K Q J 10 9 3 2  
♥ A 7  
♦ K Q 9 8

The bidding:

West North East South  
Pass Pass Pass 4♠

Opening lead — king of hearts.

Let's assume you're declarer at four spades and West leads a heart which you ruff. You can't avoid losing a diamond, so all your thoughts are concentrated on losing two club tricks, not three.

You cash the K-A of spades and then play a club to the king. When it wins you are faced with the problem of which club to play next.

As it happens, if you play a

low club you go down, but if you play the queen you make the contract, eventually losing a diamond and two clubs. Playing the queen is easy enough if you see the East-West cards, but how can you know to play it if you don't see their cards?

If you consider all possible divisions of the missing club after the king has won the trick, you find that which club you play makes no difference if the suit is divided either 3-3 or 5-1. In one case you make the contract; in the other you don't.

Only when the clubs are divided 4-2 can your play make a difference, and, if you study all pertinent cases, you find that the eight play gains only when East has the doubleton ace, while the queen play gains whenever he has any four to the A-J or A-10.

The hands where East has four clubs to the A-J or A-10 outnumber those where he has the doubleton ace by about 2 to 1, and the queen is consequently the percentage play. The hope is that the queen will force out the ace and at the same time pin the jack or ten. The queen lead is an effort to kill two birds with one stone.

## RUTH RAMSEY

## Today's Grab Bag

### THE ANSWER QUICK!

- 1 — With what subject does paleontology deal?
- 2 — What is a book called which contains the words to an opera or musical comedy?
- 3 — What is the peculiar property of a lodestone?
- 4 — What is the name given to an insurance contract which provides for the payment of a fixed sum yearly until death?
- 5 — What is a razorback?

**IT HAPPENED TODAY**  
On this day in 1947 Grace Moore was killed in a plane crash off Copenhagen.

### BORN TODAY

Gen. of the Army Douglas MacArthur had more honors — military and civilian — than did most any man of his era. He had more than his share of praise and criticism also, but his place in history rests secure.

He commanded the Allied Forces in the Pacific during World War II, served as supreme commander of the occupation in Japan and of the United Nations forces during the early months of the Korean War. He was also talked about as a possible presidential nominee.

MacArthur graduated from West Point first in his class and then served in the Philippines and Far East and participated in the Mexican War.

In World War I he com-

manded the 42nd (Rainbow) Division in France. During the post World War I years he was superintendent of the Academy at West Point.

Later he served as department commander in the Philippines, U.S. Army Chief of Staff and a field marshal in the island commonwealth.

He was recalled to active duty on July 26, 1941, and when the Japanese attacked in December, his outnumbered U.S. and Philippine troops made a heroic stand on Luzon. They fell back to Bataan and, on the island of Corregidor, were forced to capitulate.

In the fall of 1942 MacArthur, ordered to leave the Philippines, went to Australia. He opened his counteroffensive with the invasion of New Guinea.

In 1963 he completed his autobiography, "My Reminiscences."

He died on April 5, 1964. Others born today include Dr. Roy Chapman Andrews, Samuel Hopkins, Paul Newman.

### YOUR FUTURE

Mixed fortunes attend your birthday. Don't be too extravagant. Today's child will have business acumen.

### IT'S BEEN SAID

Fewer possess virtue, than those who wish us to believe that they possess it. — Cicero.

### HOW'D YOU MAKE OUT?

- 1 — The study of fossil remains.
- 2 — The libretto.
- 3 — It is magnetic.
- 4 — Annuity.
- 5 — A half-wild hog.

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## SJ Says 'No' To Fairplain West

### Decision Of Board Is Unanimous

#### 'Bad Economics' Of Annexation Given As Reason

A resolution was passed unanimously by the St. Joseph school board last night expressing its unwillingness to accept the St. Joseph township portion of the Benton Harbor school district.

Richard Ziehmer, St. Joseph schools superintendent, told the 100 citizens in attendance at the special meeting "it is our professional responsibility to analyze this request from the standpoint of the best welfare of the St. Joseph public schools" and cited six economic reasons against the transfer, prior to making his recommendation to the board that it go on record as opposed to the transfer.

A petition seeking transfer and bearing some 1,700 signatures of residents of the West Fairplain area had been submitted to the Berrien County Intermediate school board. The county school unit must hold a public hearing and take action on the matter within 60 days. After that decision is rendered an appeal may be made to the State Board of Education within 10 days, and its decision is final.

Boards of affected districts are customarily asked to express their views but have no binding power of decision.

**'NO ADVANTAGES'**  
Ziehmer told the board "the proposed transfer presents many obvious disadvantages to the St. Joseph public schools while presenting no easily discernible advantages."

The six reasons, all economic in nature, given by Ziehmer against the transfer are as follows:

1. "Valuation of the area which has petitioned to transfer is \$16,800,000; there are estimated 750 K-12 public school students in the area. At our current per pupil expenditure rates it would require \$657,000 per year to educate those youngsters."

"At our current operational tax rate, \$385,000 would be levied in the area proposed for transfer, and state aid (current formula) would add \$179,000, leaving \$93,000 to be made up by the entire district. In other words, the transfer would cost the St. Joseph school district taxpayers \$93,000 (or about 3 1/2 of a mill) more per year to maintain the same program quality which now exists in the St. Joseph district. We anticipate a \$268,000 operating deficit at the end of the current school year; the proposed transfer would intensify financial pressures."

2. "Present secondary buildings in the St. Joseph district were designed to handle expected enrollment increases through the middle or late 1970's. Addition of 750 students would fill the junior and senior high schools more rapidly than projected and would require extensive replanning. Additional construction or some alternative method of handling increased enrollments would be necessary."

3. "The area proposed for transfer is technically contiguous; however, the limitation of bus routes by bridges would be a constant problem which would be greatly intensified if the full student population potential of the area should develop."

4. "Transfer of the West Fairplain area to the St. Joseph public schools would create a whole new series of contiguous areas which would then be legally qualified to follow the West Fairplain section. A series of transfer requests would be time-consuming for the St. Joseph public schools and, if approved, would create a district which would be more complicated and more costly to administer than is the present reasonably compact area."

5. "The transfer procedure requires the receiving district to pay the sending district for buildings located in the transferred area. The West and Northwest buildings have a value of several hundred thousands of dollars which the St. Joseph district simply does not have. The law covering transfers does not provide a specific method for raising such funds. Voter approval if bond issues or special building and site fund would be necessary."

6. "The transfer procedure



RICHARD ZIEHMER  
SJ Superintendent



PAUL FREUDENBURG  
Fairplain Petitioner

requires that the transferred property continue to be liable for bonded debt in the district from which transferred unless the receiving district goes through a complex procedure and pays off the pro rata portion of the transferred property's debt. That portion of the West Fairplain area would be approximately \$160,000."

**PRESENTS REASONS**  
Prior to Ziehmer's presentation, Paul Freudenburg, a representative of the West Fairplain petitioners, presented his group's reasons for seeking the transfer.

"The main reason we're asking for this transfer is a concerned effort to give our children quality education," Freudenburg said. He indicated the only way this would be possible was to seek another school district.

"We're very disenchanted with the Benton Harbor school system," he told those in attendance.

"While attending school in the Benton Harbor system, our children have received threats and have had their property stolen," Freudenburg said. He said double standards exist in the school system.

Citing results of state-wide assessment tests given to fourth and seventh graders, Freudenburg said 95 per cent of the inter-city schools in Michigan

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### Policy On Admissions Explained

#### Family Or Legal Guardian Must Live In District

Due to numerous inquiries concerning the admissions policies of St. Joseph public schools, Superintendent Richard Ziehmer read a statement to the school board last night explaining the admission policy. Text of the statement is as follows:

"There has been considerable speculation and some misstatement concerning the admissions policies of the St. Joseph public schools. We believe it will serve the best interests of the district to briefly review those policies."

"A student who becomes a legal resident of any public school district in Michigan is by law immediately qualified to attend school in that district."

"The St. Joseph public school system enrolls only those students who are legal residents of the school district. In order to qualify as a resident, the student must live with his/her parents, who in turn must reside within the boundaries of the school district, or the student must live with an adult who has been appointed by the court as his legal guardian and who also resides within the school district."

"Exceptions are made for resident seniors who begin their final year in St. Joseph and then move, and for students who are in the process of actually becoming residents of the district at the beginning of the fall semester."

"At the present time the St. Joseph public schools have one tuition student who is a carry-over from the open tuition process which existed in the early 1960s."

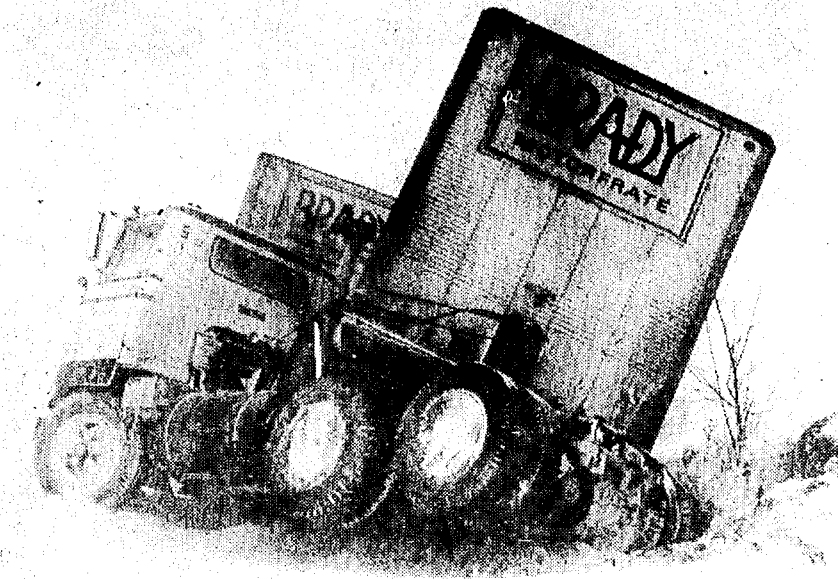
"We wish to emphasize that legal residence requires that the student be with a parent or guardian in the district. Merely living with a relative without formal guardianship is not sufficient, and students who do not fulfill residence requirements are excluded."

### John Steeb Is Elected Chief Of Whirlpool Club

John Steeb has been elected president of the Whirlpool Corporate Management Club.

Other officers include Dick Grau, vice president; Jerry Radenbaugh, treasurer; and Barbara Damrow, secretary.

Assisting the officers are four chairmen: Ralph Carreno, program; Jack Dean, arrangements; John Flood, membership; and Don Toth, publicity.



**TYPICAL ACCIDENT:** Many accidents, including one involving this semi-truck, and four others that jackknifed on I-94, were the results of near-blizzard weather in Southwestern Michigan this morning, according to the Berrien sheriff's department. None of the truck drivers was injured. Driver of the Brady truck, Jim Keeny, 47, of Belleville, Mich., said the semi slid when he slowed down for wrecker pulling another vehicle out of ditch along I-94, near Washington avenue, early today. (Staff photo)

## Lakeshore Chamber To Push Interchange

### Earlier Starting Date Sought

Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce "celebrated" at its fourth annual dinner last night at Win Schuler's by pledging a speedup on the completion of the interchange at I-94 and Red Arrow highway and an expanded membership campaign.

Before an audience of 125 representing Lakeshore businessmen, Jaycees, Lions and charter members of the chamber:

• Retiring President James Small noted water, sewage and anti-erosion projects the chamber had backed are under contract totaling some \$10 million. He said the expansion of the interchange is scheduled for sometime in the next five years but the Chamber will try to shorten the date of start of construction.

FEB. 13

### St. Valentine Dance Set By BH Elks

A St. Valentine's dance for members and guests is being planned for Feb. 13 by the Benton Harbor Elks' country club. It will be held instead of a party set for Jan. 30 but now cancelled.

A cocktail party will be held from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., followed by music by the Jack Footie band. A midnight buffet will be served. Tickets are available from any committee member or from the Elks' country club.

• New President Charles (Chuck) Yob said a hard-hitting membership campaign will be launched to give the chamber a wider base and more manpower from which to operate.

• Guest Speaker Win Schuler told the group that people are a most important commodity. He said a smile will work wonders and he said all businessmen should have a funny bone, a wish bone and a backbone.

Schuler, who operates four restaurants in Michigan, hinted broadly a motel may be added to the Stevensville restaurant. "We love this locale, we love the economic climate. We have plans. We own quite a bit of land here." When the work starts on the full interchange we will start expanding too, he said.

Small recalled the early days of the chamber in its campaign to get a full interchange at Red Arrow and I-94. It was still a dream until a month ago, he said, when the U.S. Bureau of Roads approved the project for 90-10 funding. The project is slated for action in five years but Small said "we are going to try to cut that time down."

The Chamber backed water and sewer projects, that are now underway, Small noted, to serve a growing Lakeshore area.

Yob, who operates an industrial supply firm in the Lakeshore area and who managed the successful election campaign for Rep. Harry Gast, said the "actual work of the chamber is being done by a few, dedicated, civic-minded people."

In a growing area much remains to be done. Our main goal for 1971 is a membership drive for more support of the area."

Cliff Emlong, Lakeshore nurseryman, was master of ceremonies. He presented a plaque to Small who in turn gave president's gavel to Yob. Also honored was Tom McGrath, the chamber's executive secretary.

## Settlement Of \$25,000 Ends Suit

A suit for injuries sustained by a 29-month-old child in a car-pedestrian accident four years ago ended Monday in Berrien circuit court with a \$25,000 settlement.

The settlement provides for payment of \$6,750 to Carl Gnodtke of Route 1, Sawyer, as guardian of the estate of his son, and \$18,250 to Gnodtke and his wife. The defendants are Mr. and Mrs. David O'Donnohue, Jr., of Harbert and Thomas W. Nelson of New Troy.

The Gnodtke suit claimed \$300,000 damages for injuries their son, Charles, allegedly suffered July 20, 1966, when struck in Weesaw township by a car allegedly driven by Nelson and owned by one or both of the O'Donnohues.

Judge Julian Hughes signed the consent judgment and dismissed the suit.

Recently in circuit court, a trio of Benton Harborites and an auto insurance company filed suit seeking a total of \$16,300 against two other Benton Harbor residents following a two-car crash in 1969.

Mr. and Mrs. Cass Yates, Mrs. Maggie Joseph and State Farm Insurance Co., name as defendants Martin Nichols and John Murray for injuries the two women allegedly suffered Nov. 16, 1969, in Benton Harbor. The plaintiffs claim one car was driven by Nichols and owned by Murray.

### SJ Postal Clerk Slips On Ice; Breaks Ankle

A St. Joseph postal clerk, Chester Brey, 42, was admitted to St. Joseph Memorial hospital yesterday with a fractured ankle. The ankle was broken when he slipped on a piece of ice on his way to work, St. Joseph police said.

Brey, who resides at 541 Madison avenue, St. Joseph, was walking in the 1700 block of South State street when he fell, police said. His condition this morning was listed as good.

**VATICAN HITS U.S.**  
VATICAN CITY (AP) — The U.S. government is the chief target of the Vatican's newest campaign against artificial contraception, and the United Nations is in second place.

## Board Agrees Not To Take Tuition Pupils

### Lakeshore Will Continue Present Policy

Lakeshore's board of education informally agreed Monday to retain the district's present policy of not accepting tuition students.

No formal action was taken during Monday afternoon's regular session, but individual board members, Gerald Howard, board president and Lionel Stacey, superintendent, all spoke in favor of continuing the current policy.

Stacey had asked the board for its opinion in light of his receiving some 75 inquiries concerning tuition policies during the past 10 days.

Indications were that many of the calls were coming from residents of the Benton Harbor school district.

Stacey reported that anyone who wants to attend Lakeshore's schools must be legal residents of the district or live with a legal guardian who resides in the district.

He was joined by Board Secretary John Steinke who cited already overcrowded conditions in the Lakeshore schools as a reason against accepting anymore students.

In other action the board officially set March 29 for an operational millage election.

#### DATE CONFIRMED

The board had indicated that date as one of two desirable for an election during its meeting two weeks ago. Stacey confirmed the March 29 date with the county elections board.

He said the board and Citizens' Advisory committee is still not prepared to make a recommendation concerning an exact millage figure needed. Six of the districts 13 extra voted operating mills expire this year.

William Galbreath, assistant superintendent, reported that Gov. William Milliken's proposed two per cent cut in state aid to schools will cost Lakeshore \$24,000.

He said the district will also have to wait for another payment from the state amounting to \$77,900 for some months due to a deferred payment announcement made by the state recently.

#### NEW TEACHERS

The board ratified three teacher contracts to replace teachers who have resigned in the past few months. Miss Janet Richmond from St. Joseph and a graduate of Lake Michigan college and Western Michigan university was hired to teach first grade at Roosevelt in replacing Mrs. Carolyn Spear whose husband was drafted.

Miss Elizabeth Ann Grangquist, also a graduate of LMC and WMU, will replace Mrs. Jane Underly, in remedial reading and art at the junior high.

Mrs. Elisapeta Young, graduate of Union college in Nebraska with two years teaching experience, will teach junior high math, replacing Tom Porter who is now teaching in the high school and who replaced Mrs. Virginia Truhn who resigned.

Stacey reported that R. James Johnson, board vice president who had been hospitalized, is now home.

Lynn Smith, community education director, reported that four adult enrichment classes have been closed because they were not full. No one else will be registered for intermediate sewing, interior decorating, speed reading and furniture upholstery, except on an alternate basis.

Registration for other classes continues through Feb. 8.

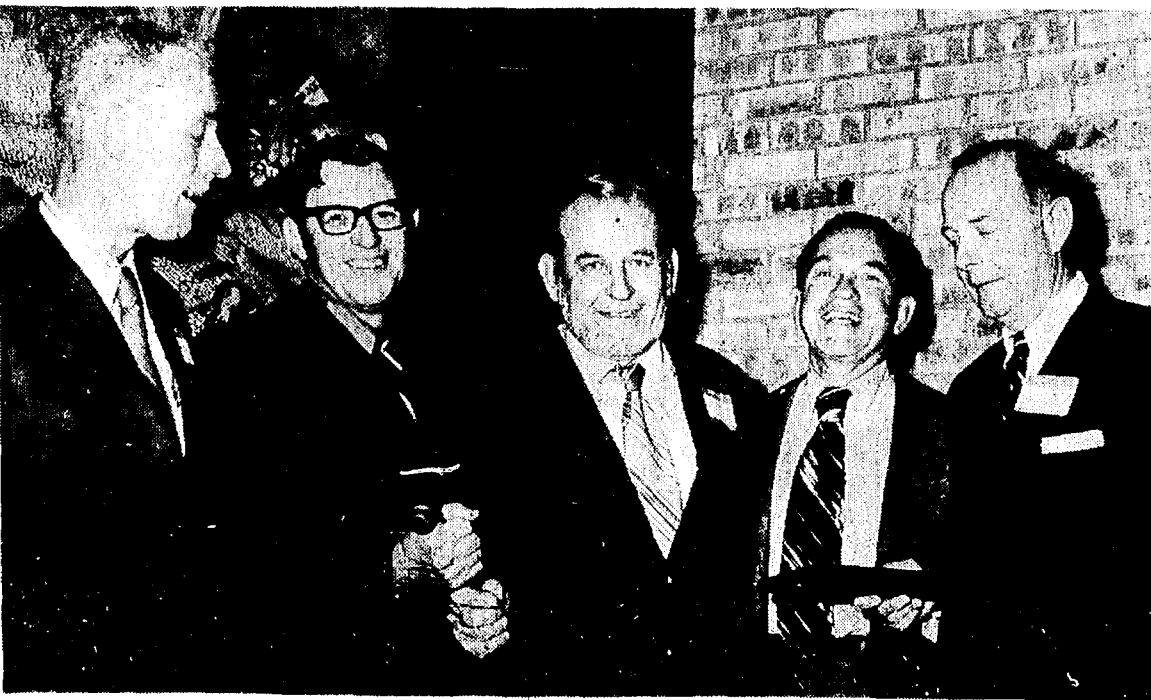
### Assessed \$203

## Food Stamp Cheat Put On Probation

A Benton Harbor man was assessed \$203 yesterday in Fifth District court and put on a year's probation for false statements to obtain food stamps.

Sylvester Hayden, 23, 243 Ross street, was penalized by Judge John T. Hammond for a misdemeanor offense of obtaining welfare by false statements. He was charged with illegally obtaining \$106 of government food stamps for \$4 on July 14, 1970.

Hayden was arrested last August by St. Joseph police. Det. William Mihalik said Hayden obtained the food stamps for his wife, two children and himself. Mrs. Hayden, however, said she and the children were not living with Hayden, Mihalik said.



**MILESTONE FOR LAKESHORE:** With water, sewer and anti-erosion projects already under contract, Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce officials next projects are to speed up development of interchange at Red Arrow and I-94 and intensive membership campaign. Officials at plaque presentation

at annual banquet are from left: Secretary Tom McGrath, new President Charles Yob, retiring President James Small, speaker Win Schuler and master of ceremonies Clifford Emlong. Emlong presented plaque to retiring president Small. (Staff photo)

ST. JOSEPH, MICH., TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 1971



**AWAITS WORD:** Coloma Schools Superintendent William Barrett awaits word on outcome of bond issues elections Monday in the school district. A short time later, Barrett learned a \$2.4 million issue for classrooms was approved according to unofficial tabulations. A \$1 million issue for a gym center was defeated. (Cliff Stevens photo)

## Classrooms Approved; Gymnasium Rejected

### COLOMA VOTE IS CLOSE

COLOMA — Coloma school district voters Monday approved a \$2.4 million bond issue for constructing classrooms but defeated \$1 million issue for a gymnasium center.

By unofficial tabulations, the classroom issue passed 1,075 to 1,021 with 15 spoiled ballots. The gym issue was defeated, according to the unofficial count, 1,152 to 944. A total of 2,111 votes were cast.

The balloting was the fourth time the school board had sought approval of the building program from the voters.

Construction of buildings covered by the \$2.4 million issue is expected start later this year following completion of plans and the sale of bonds. The issue is to be repaid over 26 years.

Included in the plans are a new middle school, a new junior high school, library additions to the Washington and Coloma grade schools and an addition to the Pier grade school.

School Board President Marshall Badt said after the voting "On behalf of the entire board of education and administration I want to thank all who voted in yesterday's critical school board election."

"It was with mixed feelings that the results of yesterday's vote were received. A critical classroom shortage will now be relieved. However, passing only the first proposal still leaves us with an incomplete school system, for the gymnasium-classroom complex of proposal two was truly just as important a facet of education as were the classrooms of proposal one."

Plans for the construction of buildings covered by the \$2.4 million issue, a new middle school, a new junior high, library additions to Washington and Coloma Elementary schools and an addition to the Pier Elementary school will now be completed by the school's architects.

After completion bonds will be sold and bids taken for the project with construction tentatively slated to begin around April 15.

Passage of the classroom issue, school officials have said, will not cancel plans for a split session for senior and junior high students slated to commence in September of this year. Split sessions will end once the new buildings are completed.

## Van Buren Records 1st Road Death

### Woman Dies In Hospital

PAW PAW—State police here have reported that Wilma McDaniel, 32, of Paw Paw, died at University hospital, Ann Arbor, Monday, apparently as a result of auto accident injuries.

Her death is the first resulting from a highway crash this year in Van Buren county.

Police said she was hurt in a two-car crash about 6:45 a.m. Friday, two miles east of Paw Paw on Red Arrow highway.

Troopers said the victim was injured when the car in front of her hit a snow drift and spun around causing the two cars to crash head-on.

State police said that they are unable to identify by name the 61-year-old driver of the other car which was involved. They said that a clerk filed the accident report Monday, but is ill today and officers cannot locate it.

**1** Auto Deaths In Van Buren county in 1971

**WOMAN DIES**  
In Cass Auto Crash

### Second Victim In Hospital

CASSOPOLIS — A spokesman at Cass county sheriff's department confirmed late this morning that a woman was killed at about 7:30 a.m. today in an auto crash on Calvin Center road north of Brownsville, central Cass county.

The body was taken to the sheriff's department, he said, but no identification was confirmed, but no identification was available at 10:45 a.m. The death was the first in the county this year.

A second woman was injured in the crash and was undergoing emergency treatment at Dowagiac's Lee Memorial hospital. She was identified as Ruby Anderson, 45, Elkhart, Ind., who is thought to be a relative of the victim.

The sheriff's department reported that a county plow had been dispatched to assist deputies in reaching the accident scene, but that the road was blocked by stalled automobiles, and a round-about route had to be taken.

The city's personnel committee ordered Foster's reinstatement, over ruling Gaffney, and the citizens group redirected its effort to the recall election.

In speaking of the election, unseated councilman Sears said last night, "It is all a part of the democratic process in which we all believe. And if the voting truly represents what the people want, well then I'm happy for the people."

"But now the work of the city must go on," he said. "We must unite again and move forward, and I pledge my continued support in whatever way I can to help our city grow."

**Buchanan Man Is Membership Chairman**

NEW BUFFALO—Jim Keller, Berrien county Democratic party chairman, announced today that David McCormack of Buchanan, has been appointed Democratic party membership chairman.

McCormack was the party's candidate for fourth district congressman in the 1970 election.

# Mayor, 1 Councilman Retained At Dowagiac

## FOUR OUSTED



SAM FOWLKES  
First Ward



JAMES GILES  
First Ward



PETER TERKOS  
Third Ward



JAMES SEARS  
Third Ward

## Historic Recall Ousts 4 Others

### Vacancies Must Be Filled Within 45 Days

DOWAGIAC — This city's mayor and one councilman were retained in office, but four other aldermen were ousted Monday in a historic recall election which brought out nearly half of the city's 2,800 registered voters.

The election is believed to be the first in Michigan involving an entire city administration. It is the first time in memory that an attempted recall has been successful in southwestern Michigan.

Retained were Mayor James E. Burke, with 666 votes supported him to 625 against; and Second Ward Councilman Bernard A. Peterson Jr., with a count of 342 to 225.

Councilmen recalled were Sam Fowlkes, first ward, 173 votes in favor of his ouster to 163; James Giles, first ward, 174 to 160 for recall; Peter Terkos, third ward, 198 to 168; and James Sears, third ward, 263 to 174.

**UNAFFECTED BY VOTE**  
Unaffected by the recall was Second Ward Councilman Graham D. Woodhouse, who was appointed a few months ago to fill the unexpired term of the late Irvine Russell.

The recall question for Mayor Burke was submitted city-wide, while each ward voted in addition to its own councilmen.

The four councilmen who were turned out of office have the right to demand a recount, City Clerk Albert First said.

Vote totals remain unofficial until after they have been certified by the board of canvassers, which must be convened within five days, First said.

He said that following the certification, "probably Thursday," an election to fill the vacancies must be held within 45 days.

At least one slate of candidates for that election is promised by Lloyd Ray, co-chairman of the citizens committee which sponsored the recall movement.

**CANDIDATES IN MIND**  
"We have our candidates in mind," Ray said, "and we'll announce them as soon as soon as the canvassing of votes is completed and the election board declared that vacancies exist."

Mayor Burke last night also charged "the people of our city to bring forth a good slate of candidates."

He told this newspaper, "I'm terribly sorry to lose four very good men, and now the people must come forward and lend their support as we arise from this shambles."

The city clerk indicated that one of the first things to be done by the mayor and the two remaining councilmen is the temporary appointment of persons to the council vacancies.

However, the citizens committee co-chairmen Ray and Richard Planck are questioning whether the three remaining elected officials, making up less than a quorum of the council, may make the appointments.

**WILL SEE ATTORNEY**  
Ray said last night that he intends to confer with an attorney at Niles for an opinion on the question.

Ray also announced "We intend to give voters an opportunity to do away with the office of city manager by amending the city charter," he said.

At present, Dowagiac is advertising for a city manager. The man formerly in that post, Norman Gaffney, resigned as of early this month to become city manager at Plymouth.

Gaffney was the citizens committee's first target when, in mid-June, he attempted to discharge police officer Fred Foster.

## TWO SURVIVE



DR. JAMES E. BURKE  
Mayor



B. A. PETERSON JR.  
Second Ward

# Fennville, Saugatuck Eye School Merger

FENNVILLE — A new attempt to merge the Fennville and Saugatuck public schools systems was announced Monday.

Fennville Schools Superintendent Henry Martin and Saugatuck Superintendent Donald Oyler said their districts had asked the Allegan county intermediate school district to schedule a date for a consolidation election.

April was mentioned as the probably month for balloting. Approval by voters in both

districts would be required.

A similar attempt in April, 1970, was rejected by a majority of Saugatuck voters, defeating the proposal. An initial vote in 1961 also ended in rejection.

New talks between officials of the districts over the possible merger began in October under prodding of the state. The new effort was reportedly suggested before either district undertakes a building program.

Fennville with about 1,800 students and 110 square miles of territory is the largest of the

Saugatuck however, with a valuation in early 1970 of \$16.3 million, virtually matches Fennville's valuation of about the same time, \$16.6 million. Saugatuck's district covers 21 square miles and has about 800 students.

**Traffic Deaths**  
By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS  
Jan. 26 State Police Count  
This Year  
Last Year

90  
136



**ONE PASSES:** Marshall Badt, president of the Coloma school board, smiles as he spreads word of passage of a \$2.4 million bond issue for classroom construction. A second issue, a \$1 million issue for a gymnasium, was defeated. The voting was the fourth time the board had sought approval of the building program financing. (Cliff Stevens photo)

# Fire Station Plan Renewed

## Hartford Council Gives Board Go Ahead

HARTFORD — A new attempt to get planning underway for a new fire station here was launched last night by the city council.

The council ordered planning turned over to the fire board with authority to proceed with site selection and recommendation for an architect.

Planning has been in the hands of a building authority since late 1969 but no report has been received to date.

The fire board is made up of two firemen, two members of the council and two members of the township trustee board.

Efforts to get a new fire station through the planning were launched several years ago. The present station is not big enough, officials have said, to house present equipment. They have also said the floor is not strong enough to hold one of the present fire trucks.

**REFUSE COLLECTION**  
In other areas, the council asked its ordinance committee to draw up a proposed ordinance covering an agreement with the Sanitary Refuse Collection firm of Hartford to serve city residents.

Councilman Aage Larsen said Joe Allen, owner of the firm, had agreed to provide the service at a \$2 per month rate for single residences. A landfill will be opened for public use periodically under the program.

Deletion of a section covering vagrants in the recently adopted anti-loitering law was given first reading. The deletion would remove vagrants from coverage. The change was recommended by Police Chief Neil MacKinder.

The council requested the sponsors of a Spanish-American Day program to reconsider the proposed location. North park, suggested as the site, was considered too small and without adequate auto parking facilities by councilmen.

**COUNCILMAN NAMED**  
Councilman Richard Melvin was appointed as the city's legislative contact man with the Michigan Municipal League.

Jerome Pitcher was named to the Board of Review, replacing Robert Brookfield, who has resigned because of business obligations.

Clerk Mrs. Jewell Story was authorized to join the state's municipal clerk's association.

Mayor Wesley Knapp and Mrs. Story announced plans to attend the municipal league conference in Lansing, Feb. 24-25.

**NEW MAYOR:** Wesley Knapp was in charge of his first full council session last night as mayor of Hartford. He was appointed to the position earlier this month by the council to succeed his cousin, Ray Knapp, who resigned. (Staff photo)

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**INJURY DELAYS LETTER**  
Safety Chairman Sets Bad Example

By STEVE McQUOWN  
Paw Paw Bureau

PAW PAW — A bit of irony and humor capped an otherwise uneventful 15-minute village council meeting last night. In a letter from the safety committee of the state Water Pollution Control association, the village's wastewater treatment system employees were commended for not having suffered any lost time work accidents for 1967, 1968 and 1969.

The certificate was delayed, the letter said, because of printing problems and because it had been unsigned by the safety committee chairman who was injured in an accident recently and still is unable to write.